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WASHINGTON LETTERS.

The letters published in this journal during the last session of Congress over the signature of "Chicago," and written by one of its editors who spent the winter at the Capital, attracted very general attention throughout the country. Their graphic and vigorous style, the clear view which they presented of the state of feeling existing between the sections, the terse synopsis which they gave of the arguments of representative men of all parties and all shades of political sentiment, the occasional daguerreotypes of prominent personages, and the ability with which the writer discussed the various topics of legislation and discussion as they arose, constituted a prominent feature of the paper during the winter months, and caused it to be sought after outside of our usual circle of readers.—We say this much of these letters in the absence of our Associate, the writer of them, confident that the readers of the TRIBUNE will agree with us in the estimate placed upon them. From various quarters, within the last two weeks, the inquiry has come to us as to whether "Chicago" would be our Washington correspondent during the present winter. We are glad to be able to give an affirmative response; and to say in addition, that by the time this number of the TRIBUNE reaches many of our subscribers, "Chicago" will be at his post in Washington, from which time until the close of the session, we shall be in daily receipt of his letters.

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MERCHANTS' MEETING.

The meeting of merchants and business men generally, to be held this evening at Bryan's Hall, promises to be an imposing demonstration. We have but one word to say in addition to what has heretofore appeared in these columns relative to this subject. The object, as we understand it, is to obtain an expression of opinion from that class of community most largely and intimately interested in financial affairs, with the expectation that it will to some extent influence the action of our State Legislature, soon to assemble. If this be so, it is important that nothing be done hastily, or without due and full deliberation and discussion. Different individuals will undoubtedly have different panaceas to offer for our monetary evils. That is well. Let every plan be discussed. Let every man who has an idea on the subject contribute it to the common stock, and then harmonize as near as may be upon some clearly defined line of policy which will commend itself to men of sound judgment throughout the State, and secure their co-operation in the general object of reforming our currency. It is not necessary that final action be had to-night. Preliminary will endanger everything. In a matter of such vital interest, our business men can afford to hold a half-dozen, or more, meetings between now and the assembling of the State Legislature. We make these suggestions, believing that they will meet the approval of nine-tenths, or more, of the class who have called the meeting.

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THE BURCH DIVORCE CASE.

THE ARGUMENTS OF COUNSEL.

MR. BECKWITH FOR THE DEFENCE.

MR. HOYNE FOR THE COMPLAINANT.

[From our Special Reporter.]

NAPERVILLE, Thursday P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Court Room was thronged and crowded with spectators before the opening of the Court. Very many ladies from the village were present.

Mr. Beckwith, following Mr. Miller, then addressed the Jury:

GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY.—There is no duty in one's professional life affording so much pleasure and gratification as appearing in the defence of the innocent; and there is no place are so great as appearing as I now do, not only in the defence of an innocent woman, but of her defenceless children, an aged mother, and her many friends. I doubt any she has not done wrong; a gratuitous wrong, to her husband. In saying that, I say no more than she has already said in her own statement. After deliberating the attentions received from Mr. Boyd without the knowledge of her husband, she says she has injured him, and that though not guilty of the wrong laid to her charge, she feels that she had done him a grievous wrong, but had hoped by her penitence to be forgiven and restored to him through the intervention of friends. I frankly say she has done wrong to her husband, and deserted from the path of duty; that she has allowed her affections to become estranged from him, but still I say that she has never allowed that cloud to fall upon her actions which would fix that foul stain upon her character that they are now seeking to fasten upon her.

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PAYING FOR FUGITIVE SLAVES.

Among the various schemes devised for saving the Union, is one by the New York *Times*. The disease that afflicts the body politic, it thinks, is fugitive slaves who escape from servitude and are not recaptured or returned. The nostrum it provides for the cure of this ailment, is indemnity to the losers out of the National Treasury. When a "nigger" runs away let the Federal Government pay the master its value in hard cash. This specific the *Times* think's would allay the fever and restore the patient to health, put out the fires of dissension and calm the tornado now sweeping through the cotton country.

We object to the prescription of the *Times*, on these grounds: 1st, That the cure would be worse than the disease; 2d, That it would not remove the complaint; 3d, That it is a piece of dangerous, ignorant quackery, which would do no good, but result in infinite mischief.

There is no provision in the Constitution to pay for fugitive laborers. That instrument regards and describes slaves as *persons* held to labor by virtue of State laws, and not as *property*," and it declares that when *persons* held to labor "under State laws, escape from such service, from one State into another, they shall not be discharged from such obligation by virtue of any law or regulation of the State into which they may escape, but shall be delivered up on the claim of the party to whom the service was due." This rendition clause applies to white men and apprentice boys as the Free States, who may have contracted to labor for another, and run off to the South to avoid its fulfillment, as well as to slaves in the South, who break their obligation to labor, and flee into the Free States. All the complainant has to do in either case, is to show that the black or white man is bound to serve him by virtue of a law of his State. The nature of the obligation, or whether there has been a valid consideration paid, or a fair bargain made, are questions to be determined in the courts of the State from whence the white or colored fugitives escaped.

If a Virginia planter who has lost the services of his colored laborer can constitutionally recover indemnity from the Federal Treasury, so can a railroad contractor, who hires a gang of Irishmen to work on a cutting in Wisconsin, make Uncle Sam bear the loss he may sustain, if his men, disgusted with their grub, stop or wages, drop their picks and wheelbarrows and abscond across the State line into Illinois. Each party has exactly the same Constitutional right to have the fugacious laborers recaptured and returned to his service, and one party has no better or more valid claim for indemnity out of the nation's treasury than the other, and we defy the N. Y. *Times*, or or any other compromiser to show the contrary.

Now, where is the statesman who will seriously assert that Congress has power under the Constitution to pay employers the losses they might sustain by reason of the bad faith of their employees, who might run off and leave the State? If it were Constitutional to enact such a law as the *Times* proposes, it would cost the Federal Treasury more than to carry on a war against France and England. The Government would be bankrupted before twelve months, and would not be able to pay ten cents on the dollar of the claims that would be preferred against it every year thereafter. Breaches of labor contracts of all imaginable descriptions, in countless numbers, would be entered in the court of claims for payment. But the legal absurdity of the proposition is so apparent that it is needless to further combat it. We might stop here, but in order to expose the *Times*' nostrum as a practical remedy, we will waive the Constitutional objection, and suppose, for the sake of argument, that Congress has power to pass such an act as it suggests.

The first thing to be considered is the scale of prices which the Government shall pay the losers of Fugitive Slaves. The *Times* proposes that they be paid the *whole* of their commercial value. This is met with the objection, that if it is the duty of the Government to pay anything, it should pay the fair market value of the property lost. Equity and good conscience require this much. If the North ever considers the *principle of any indemnity from the Federal Treasury*, the Southern claimants accept cent less than the fair value of the Fugitive. And common honesty would render a verdict that the master is entitled to the whole or none. It would be a dishonest position to take, that the slaveholder was constitutionally and legally entitled to indemnity from the Government for his loss, and then turn round, and cheat him out of *one-third* of his just claim. Congress will never be guilty of so base a thing. It will allow the claimant the full value or nothing. There is no use in wasting words over a matter so certain and imperative in its very nature.

Suppose we consider the compensation scheme in force, let us then trace its practical workings.

I. A feeling would diffuse itself through the mind of *every* slaveholder in the South that *he was now insured*; the Government would be the insurance office, paying all losses, but charging no premium! It would become a thing of small consequence to the slaveholders in all the border States, whether their "boys" and "girls" stayed or run away; if the former, well and good; if the latter, Uncle Sam was a rich old soldier, and would assuage their grief with mint drops. Vigilance in preventing the desires from absconding would at once be relaxed. They would feel the easy indifference some people of whose property is insured to its full value. The number of run-aways from the mere relaxation of vigilance would be five fold.

II. Escapes contrived at would swell the stream of run-aways prodigiously. "Being "sold down South" is the special horror of the border State slave. 1st, There would be the slaveholders over whom the Sheriff held an execution. 2d, Those owing debts and wanting to pay them without being sued. 3d, Those wanting to build a house, buy more land, send a son or daughter to a seminary, or wishing to spend the hot season as a fashionable watering place. 4th, Those owning vicious, dangerous, diseased, infirm, halt, maimed and worn-out slaves, which are slow sale and desirable to be rid of. 5th, Those holding their own children or blood relations of various degrees of consanguinity, as bondage—sad such can be found on most Southern plantations. 6th, Those who have conscientious scruples about holding slaves, and against selling them—this class would emancipate them but for the pecuniary sacrifice necessary to make. Some how or other pretty nearly all the slaves falling under these classes, would escape across Mason & Dixon's line, and it is quite safe to say that, would again and again run off. The slaveholder would be told by the master's children or wife, that they were going to be sold to a trader, and taken South to the cotton or sugar plantations. They would find out from the same sources that if they ran off North the parents would be feeble and ineffectual. In short they would be helped off, the young masters and misses would furnish them small sums of money, and point the road to freedom. Nobody would molest their chaps. They might safely travel the highways in the day time, and stop at the farmers at night, and tell them they were going to [illegible] where they were journeying? Every white man would know that their owners would be indemnified, and would be glad to have the State rid of them. A malicious pleasure would be felt in [illegible] that all these swarms of [illegible] would be vomited upon their [illegible]

Abolitionists, as they call the people of the North; and that in a few years the Free States would be overrun with this class of characters. It would be a moderate estimate to put the number of fugitives, under the *Times*'s compromise act, at *fifty thousand*. For the first few years it would probably be nearer one hundred thousand. The Federal treasury would be depleted to the tune of fifty millions a year! And another beauty of the law would be, that the purchase of 50,000 slaves annually would not equal the natural increase, which is 75,000 a year. After weeding out these multitudes, the number remaining in bondage would be greater at the end of each year. Without stopping to inquire how the Government would raise the fifty millions, more or less, we have a right to ask what would be done with the fugitives? The Federal Government having thrown them among the people of the North as paupers, would be called on to take care of them. It would have to colonize them somewhere—either in Africa, Central America, or in the Western Territories. The expense of this undertaking would exceed, first and last, the original ransom. Here would be fifty millions more to expend. How long would the people of the United States, South or North, submit to a tax of one hundred millions a year for the benefit of those who wanted to get rid of their slaves without incurring the moral wrong of selling them to the traders?

The proposition of the *Times* has already met with serious objections at the South, unless the indemnity shall come out of the people of the Free States instead of the Federal treasury. Will the North consent to so monstrous an imposition? How would such a law be enforced against them? Who would be the tax-gatherers to collect this run-away nigger tax from the property-holders of the Free States? The more the scheme of the *Times* is examined the more impracticable and absurd it becomes. The Slaveholder has now a legal remedy of the most stringent, ex-parte and remorseless character. It reclaims his fugitive bondman in the most summary manner, when applied; and if the human chattle is rescued from the captors, this law renders the rescuers liable in damages for the full value of the slave, with costs of suit, added to fines and imprisonment. If the law is not executed in every or in many cases, the fault lies in its obnoxious features, and the more inhuman and revolting character of the claims set up under it. Helping to teach and return innocent human beings to life long slavery, is something the people of the Free States cannot persuade themselves to do. The repugnance to engaging in this business is as great among Democrats as Republicans. Ten thousand constitutions crammed with fugitive slave clauses, would not reconcile their ideas of moral right and justice with slave-catching which is a war on human nature in the minds of the people. There is only one way of settling this vexed question to the satisfaction of the slave-breeder—and that is to eradicate from the minds of the people the idea which now has such firm root, that human slavery is wrong. Make them believe that it is moral—morally and politically, and when this is done they will be swift to pursue and sure to run down every panting fugitive though he may flee with the speed of a frightened deer. Lightning and steam, dogs and horses, hand-cuffs and shot guns, will overtake, capture and return every one; none, no, not one, will ever escape. This remedy is the only sure and efficacious one within reach of the politician's dispensary.

A SAD SPECTACLE.

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PLANS OF COMPROMISE.

We hear a great deal of "Compromise" and "Concession," just now, but few of our readers, we take it, have a proper idea of what the words mean when used by the politicians of the South. We copy for the benefit of all such, two plans, either of which, it is alleged, may be accepted by the North with the full assurance that it will put an end to all existing difficulties, and preserve the peace up to such time as South Carolina may be pleased to demand a Sedition Law, for the punishment of all men who may dare to say that the buying and selling of men, like pigs in the market, is wrong. The first is a Virginia plan, endorsed by that conservative sheet, the New York *Herald*, and the other comes from the Washington correspondent of that paper:

A PLAN WHICH MAY SAVE THE UNION.

[From the Richmond Enquirer.]

In such a moment as this every man is excusable, at least, for offering any suggestion which may possibly have the effect to restore peace and to perpetuate the balances of the Constitution. I, therefore, tender mine, viz:

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6. *Resolved*, That the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, in the case of Dred Scott, correctly expounds the rights of the inhabitants of the Territories of the United States; and by that exposition neither Congress or a Territorial Legislature has the right to pass any law discriminating between the property of other property, to the disadvantage or injury of the rights of the slave owner, or denying or withholding from him the full protection for property for the protection, preservation and recovery of his property.

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9. *Resolved*, That no person shall ever be sent from the Southern members to the following effect, to wit:

Resolved, That the foregoing resolutions be presented to the Senators and Representatives in Congress from the non-slaveholding States, with the request that they will adopt them, and procure the written approval of them by Mr. Lincoln, and pass immediately such bills as are necessary to give effect and perpetuity to them; and we hereby pledge ourselves, in that event, to do everything in our power to dissuade the Southern States from, and to prevent the secession of them from the Union, and to restore peace and tranquillity to the country, and fairly and in good faith to support the administration of Mr. Lincoln.

If the Black Republicans are, as Senator Trumbull says they are, the lovers of justice and a constitutional Union, they will promptly comply with our request, and save the Union. If they refuse, they will stand exposed, and the South will be fully vindicated before the world.

THE WASHINGTON PLAN.

The only measure of conciliation of a practicable and practical character is a proposition in form to amend the Constitution, and its adoption forthwith by a two-thirds vote of both Houses, and its ratification by three-fourths of the States within the course of the next six months. The amendments necessary to satisfy the South are:

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3d. That the public domain and its proceeds shall be appropriated exclusively to public and national purposes.

4th. That the Federal Government shall be expressly restricted from undertaking works of internal improvements in the States, except only one Pacific Railroad south and one north of thirty-six degrees thirty minutes, to which such aid is to be limited.

5. That improvements of rivers and harbors be left exclusively to the States in which they are situated.

To get a two thirds vote of both Houses shall be necessary for any appropriation of money or land or the creation of any loan.

The abolition of the unconstitutional provision respecting the election of President and Vice President, abolishing the Electoral Colleges and substituting in lieu thereof the election directly to the candidate, each Congressional District giving one vote, and the legislature of each State giving two votes at large.

Many in the South are hostile to the fishing bounties, and the monopoly of the coasting trade by the Eastern Atlantic States, and consider that territory for the navigation as well as free trade, but I am satisfied, if clear and explicit guarantees of the character I have enumerated were given at once, the entire South, even including South Carolina would be satisfied.

Now our readers will have an idea of what is meant when "Compromise" is talked of.

A NEW COMPROMISE LINE.

Elsewhere in this paper, we print a letter from a prominent merchant of Chicago, now in New Orleans, in which a remedy for the present perils to the Union is briefly set forth. The writer is sincere and patriotic; but he has fallen upon the measure of Compromise which the South would summarily reject; so we need not discuss it.

A Rumored John Brown Raid.

It was stated by Gen. Clark, the Representative from Bolivar, on the floor of the House of Representatives of Mississippi, that a private letter had been received by a gentleman in Jackson, from another in Wisconsin, informing him that an immense raid was being organized in the Northern States against the South. The plan being for emissaries to be introduced gradually, so as to avoid suspicion, throughout all the South; gradually and quietly, when at a certain time, by preconcerted action, a strike was to be made.

With stuff like the above, which we find in the Memphis *Avalanche*, the Secession papers are working their readers up to the pitch of excitement necessary for the consummation of their treasonable schemes. Enquestioned by the story is false in every particular.

What They Contribute.

The following figures will show how much the soldiers of the disunion States contribute towards the support of the Government in one of its departments. They are the annual Post Office receipts and expenditures of those five States from the latest reports:

	Receipts.	Expenditures.	Deficit.
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Florida	28,000	171,185	143,953
Alabama	188,000	282,709	94,709
Mississippi	101,555	270,001	206,446
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UNIONISM IN New JERSEY.—Commodore Stockton, Wm. C. Alexander, Ex-Governor Price, Col. Peter L. Clark, Senator Thomson, and a large number of other leading and rather Democrats of the State have called a Union Mass Convention, to be held at Trenton on the 19th of December, to consider what measures it may be deemed advisable to take for the protection of the people, under the present crisis of the Republic.

SUCCESSOR TO SECRETARY CASS.—The New York *Times* says that rumors from Washington point to either Augustus Schell, Collector of the Port of New York, or James T. Soutter, President of the Bank of the Republic, as the possible successor to Secretary Cass in the Treasury Department. The latter gentleman is known as the personal friend and confidential money adviser of Judge Douglas, and Mr. Buchanan would hardly venture upon the experiment of placing him in such confidential relations with his successor. Mr. Schell will perhaps be the man.

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PATENT OFFICE.

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I take the occasion to renew the recommendation of the previous reports in regard to the anomaly of allowing appeals from the Commissioner of Patents to one of the three District Judges. In addition to the reasons urged in my first annual report for an alteration of the law in this particular, it is to be observed that, as each judge acts separately upon the appeal taken, it becomes very difficult, if not impossible, to maintain the uniformity and certainty in the execution of the patent laws.

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AGRICULTURE.

This is one of the main pillars of the prosperity and power of any country, and it assumes additional importance in ours because of the extent of our territory, embracing every variety of soil and climate, the cheapness of land, and the facility with which its products can be transported to market. The liberal appropriations made by Congress at its last session, to encouragement of this most useful art, received the cheerful assent of the people, and this department has labored faithfully to carry on the beneficient instructions of Congress. Seeds have been made for the various varieties of seeds and cuttings of every useful plant and vegetable, and satisfactory arrangements have been made for procuring them on the best terms and transporting them in the safest manner. It is manifest that, when we have received an adequate supply of the different plants and seeds adapted to our agricultural resources, by the judicious supplication of the results of scientific investigations, the United States must become the granary of the world.

DEMOLISHED AND FOR RIVER IMPROVEMENT.

By an act of Congress, approved August 8, 1846, a grant of lands was made to the State of Iowa for the improvement of the navigation of the Des Moines River, from its mouth to the Raccoon Fork. This grant, for more than two years, was regarded on all hands as confined to the line of improvement, and limited to the lands along the river and the Raccoon Fork; and this view of the matter has been maintained by the Department of the Interior from the date of the grant. The quantity of land thus admitted to be within the grant was found to be 823,592 acres, and was long since listed and approved to the State.

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The energetic measures which have been adopted for the prevention of pension and bounty land frauds upon the government, have been attended with very favorable results, as is clearly manifested by the decrease in the number of prosecutions for offenses of this character.

PATENT OFFICE.

The increase of business in the Patent Office, and the magnitude of its operations, give additional force to the recommendations heretofore made for a reorganization of this bureau. The amount of work devolving upon the examiners is enormous, and it is difficult to believe that the reiterated appeals in this behalf would have been so utterly disregarded, had Congress realized the actual condition of the business of the office; and as the office is self-sustaining, it is reasonable that this department should be empowered to graduate the force employed, by the work to be done, provided, always, that the expenditures shall be kept within the receipts.

I take the occasion to renew the recommendation of the previous reports in regard to the anomaly of allowing appeals from the Commissioner of Patents to one of the three District Judges. In addition to the reasons urged in my first annual report for an alteration of the law in this particular, it is to be observed that, as each judge acts separately upon the appeal taken, it becomes very difficult, if not impossible, to maintain the uniformity and certainty in the execution of the patent laws.

The income of the office for the three quarters ending September 30, 1860, was $197,043 40, and its expenditure, 130,673 26, showing a surplus of $7,900 17.

During this period, five thousand six hundred and thirty-eight applications for patents have been received, and two thousand and forty-one caveats filed. Three thousand six hundred and twelve applications have been rejected, and three thousand eight hundred and ninety-six patents issued, including re-issues, additional improvements and designs. In addition to this, there have been numerous applications for extensions, and twenty-eight patents have been expended for a period of seven years from the expiration of their first term.

AGRICULTURE.

This is one of the main pillars of the prosperity and power of any country, and it assumes additional importance in ours because of the extent of our territory, embracing every variety of soil and climate, the cheapness of land, and the facility with which its products can be transported to market. The liberal appropriations made by Congress at its last session, to encouragement of this most useful art, received the cheerful assent of the people, and this department has labored faithfully to carry on the beneficient instructions of Congress. Seeds have been made for the various varieties of seeds and cuttings of every useful plant and vegetable, and satisfactory arrangements have been made for procuring them on the best terms and transporting them in the safest manner. It is manifest that, when we have received an adequate supply of the different plants and seeds adapted to our agricultural resources, by the judicious supplication of the results of scientific investigations, the United States must become the granary of the world.

DEMOLISHED AND FOR RIVER IMPROVEMENT.

By an act of Congress, approved August 8, 1846, a grant of lands was made to the State of Iowa for the improvement of the navigation of the Des Moines River, from its mouth to the Raccoon Fork. This grant, for more than two years, was regarded on all hands as confined to the line of improvement, and limited to the lands along the river and the Raccoon Fork; and this view of the matter has been maintained by the Department of the Interior from the date of the grant. The quantity of land thus admitted to be within the grant was found to be 823,592 acres, and was long since listed and approved to the State.

Secretary Stuart, however, caused some of the lands along the river and above the Raccoon Fork to be withheld from patent, as part of the grant, and a list was also approved by Secretary McClelland, before his attention was questions of law involved in a claim which had been presented on behalf of the State, in 1840, that the grant extended to the headwaters of the Desmoines river.

The right of the State under the grant of the 8th of August, 1846, to any lands lying above the Raccoon Fork was directly involved in a case which was determined by the Supreme Court of the United States at the December term, A. D. 1856, and that tribunal therein decided that the grant did not embrace any such coastlanding for any land system, which requires the public lands to be brought into market from time to time, in proportion as surveyed lands are the object of sale and settlement. As there has not been any considerable competition or cash demand for new lands during the past year, the settlers on the lands brought into market, who were unable, from pecuniary misfortunes, to make payment before the day of sale, have generally been able to the declaratory statements of their claims, and thus avail themselves of the twelve months' credit secured by law to pre-emptors of lands subject to private sale. It is believed, however, that settlers have suffered no serious hardships. Owing to the slight demand for lands as an investment, the cash receipts from the public sales have been inconsiderable, when compared with the quantity of land offered.

Experience has demonstrated the wisdom and propriety of the recommendations contained in my last annual report; that, that, in a spirit of liberality to all settlers upon unoffered lands, five years should be allowed, from the date of settlement, within which to make proof and payment; and, second, that it should be made incumbent upon the Executive to offer at public sale, at the expiration of not more than two years after survey, all the lands that have not been claimed by settlers.

The income from the public lands during four years past has not been so great as was expected. The commercial revulsion of 1857, followed by a short crop in many of the new States and Territories, checked land immigration, and also the inclination of capitalists to make further investments. But this is not all. The system of granting warrants for locations of lands for settlement, entitling land claimants to locate their claims on any land in the section of alienating to our land system, that it is believed that the revenue derived from it cannot be counted upon as a permanent annual average, especially if the quantity of unlocated land warrants outstanding should continue to diminish from year to year as for three years past.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The general interest felt in this work, and the immense sale of the second possible appeared in its columns, has induced the publishers to issue a new edition, which is now ready, and properly appreciated by the reading public. It is hoped that the energy and care with which it has been conducted will secure results in accordance with the public expectation.

The schedules and carefully prepared instructions were distributed in time to enable the United States marshals to commence the enumeration on the day appointed by law. The time within which all the returns should have been made is now past, and the census has been completed in all the States and Territories, with the exception of some few subdivisions where from circumstances represented to be unavoidable, delays have occurred. This failure, however, creates no surprise, when it is known that the number of necessary subdivisions required the employment of four thousand four hundred different agencies.

The returns have been placed in the hands of an able and efficient corps of clerks, and I have the assurance of the superintendent of this service that, with his present force, he will enable me, during the approaching session of Congress, to present an exhibit of the aggregate population, manufactures, and agricultural productions, and to make the apportionment of Representatives, in accordance with the twenty-fifth section of the law approved May 23, 1850.

Sufficient information, however, has been obtained to justify the conclusion that our population has kept pace with its ordinary natural progress. The vital elements in the productions of agriculture, manufactures, and mines, will show an accelerated advance in material prosperity.

For the completion of the eighth census, the sum of $457,000, as a deficiency, will be required for the current fiscal year, and a further appropriation of $190,000, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1862, which, with the appropriation heretofore made for this service, will make the entire cost of the present enumeration about $1,643,000, of which sum about $1,309,000 will be paid for the marshals and their assistants, in accordance with the rates established by the law of 1850, for their services in this connection.

The sum deemed adequate for the execution of the eighth census exceeds the cost of the seventh in the sum of $245,000—an excess rendered necessary by the increase of our population and its diffusion over the vast plains of the interior.

In this, my last annual report, I feel it to be my duty to suggest the propriety and importance of establishing a bureau of statistics.

The internal trade between the different States of this Union is great—it can our foreign trade, and directly interests a much greater number of our own people, yet we possess no agency by which we can ascertain and definitely present to the world the value and extent of this exchange of the products of labor. We have no central point of statistical knowledge by which we can show the connection and dependence of the several States upon each other for their material advancement and prosperity. It is true that once in each period of ten years the country is supplied with certain information regarding our agricultural, manufacturing and mining interests; yet nothing is known of the importance, direction, and the channels of our home commerce. Congress, the departments, and the community are without any general reliable resource for the ascertainment of our internal trade and the annual productions of agriculture, manufactures and mines. It would be a wise economy to establish an agency which would secure the desired information in the most authentic, practicable and valuable form, and yearly report the same at each session of Congress. The requisite force would be small, and I feel confident that the reports of such a bureau would command for it the public favor.

Some changes in the laws are required, to enable this department to secure uniformity and to enforce existing regulations in regard to judicial expenses of the government, and I reserve my views for recommendation on this subject. Without some additional power, promptitude and accuracy

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Chicago Tribune.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1860.

MONETARY.

Saturday Evening, Dec. 6.

Business of all kinds, except the retail trade, continues not only dull, but there is absolutely little or nothing doing. All our staples are declining rapidly under the influence of the unsettled money market, and it will be a wise man indeed who can tell when the bottom will be reached. Every body seems determined to wait and see.

Exchange is becoming more close every day. Some of our leading banks refuse to sell on any terms, or rather they assert that their customers have not the funds in New York. Several also of our larger banks do not remit for collections. They credit correspondents with the amount in such funds as they receive, which they will be very glad to hand over at any time. Of necessity, the banks have no shortage of cash, only enough to make a considerable "spekulation," and of exchange nothing. Perhaps it would be more correct to say, they sell all they make from day to day.

Though drawn, the nominal price of exchange to-day with us may be set down at par to ¼ premium. In the street it sells at ¼@¾. Outsiders may feel thankful if they obtain a supply at the highest figure. Buying price 3/4@¾.

Gold is not active, but is held firmly. Buying nominal at ¼ per cent premium; selling at ¾.

CIRCULAR TO THE BANKERS' BANKS.—The following important circular was prepared to-day and it is understood that our bankers will very generally sign it and forward it as soon to the banks of the State. If complied with promptly it would furnish about a million of exchange, greatly relieving the market:

To the Proprietary of Banks of Circulation in the State of Illinois:—In the present unsettled state of the exchange market, we consider it an imperative duty on the banks of this State to do all in their power to facilitate the exchange between the West and East, and,

The supply of currency is so much greater than required by the wants of trade, and the safety of the whole banking system of our State requires that prompt measures should be taken towards the curtailment of the circulation of our banks.

We, therefore, propose that each and every one of the banks of issue in this State retire as fast as presented at least one-tenth of its whole circulation, making its redemption through some responsible agent in this city or in Springfield, in satisfactory eight exchange on New York, for which we will allow (for the next ten days) five per cent. premium, thus redeeming the loss which may arise from the sale of bonds at present prices.

We trust that you will give your hearty concurrence to our proposition, and will at once take the necessary steps to carry the plan into effect, and relieve us from the necessity of sending home your bills for redemption.

The banking houses in this city have large amounts of your circulation on hand, and they expect to receive an immediate response to this circular.

THE CURRENCY MEETING.—The currency meeting, to be held at Bryan Hall Friday evening, continues to attract much attention. Merchants and business men are now awaking to a correct appreciation of the high rates of exchange, and they all feel a personal interest in the subject. The "currency gentry" will also be on hand in full force, both at this meeting and at Springfield during the sittings of the Legislature. The public may rest assured if any valuable amendment to the banking law be passed, it will require right earnest work on their part to do it.

The following are the closing rates of *F. Granger Adams, editor of the Chicago Bond Note List, No. 44 Clark street, for Exchange, Currency, &c., to-day:*

	Buying.	Selling.
New York Exchange	¼ pm.	Par.
Boston, New England	¼	Par.
Gold	¾	¾
New Jersey, Penn's and Maryland	1	1
Ohio, Ky. and State Bonds and Dfts.	5	5
Michigan and Canada	5	5
Tennessee	8	8
Missouri and Free Indiana	10	10
Wisconsin	8	8
South Carolina	15	15
North Carolina	10	10
Georgia	10	10
Alabama	10	10
Discredited	15	15

ST. LOUIS.—The *Democrat* of yesterday reports the money market easy in every line but exchange. It says:

The demand for exchange continued very large and urgent. Orders from the South is wanted by grocers and others, but there are few dealers who seem disposed to fill them. The cause of the interruption of the trade by steamer between this and New Orleans, by which letters have failed for the last week, mainly contributes to the delay. Some New Orleans balances are, and whether they can satisfy drafts or checks will be very much a question of a few days. Country trade is not active, and offers at 1 per cent. premium that on the East at the same, and offers at 2 on the East, while most are unable to draw at any price. Buying bankable funds is generally dull at ¾ per cent. premium for Eastern sight, and just at par for sight on somewhat later dates. Gold is said to be scarce and in demand at this time, and that the banks are unable to furnish supplies. Silver is also more sought after and commands ¼@¾ premium. Bills on the East are unsalable, and the banks are unable to furnish exchange for want of bankers' aid in the matter. In currency there is some little disposition to realize discounts, and we hear of 1½@2 discount, selling, in the range for Illinois and Wisconsin.

CINCINNATI.—From the *Gazette* of yesterday we take the following:

Within the last few days there has been a heavy demand for currency from the pork trade, and balances have run down considerably, but the large amount of money now in the country will soon procure an inward current of bank notes, which will fill the vacuum created by the remittances on account of the pork trade. Rates of exchange are unsettled and unreliable. Most of the business at present transacted is transacted at about par to ¼ premium. Paper is obtainable outside at from ½ to ¾ per cent. per month.

The West is abundantly supplied with Eastern Exchange, and rates continue to tend downwards. The rates to-day are as follows:—Sight on New York, sold at ¼ premium—the latter the prevailing figure. Later in the day, however, checks were freely offered at ¼ premium, and ¼ premium promised to be the rate to-morrow. Dealers were anxious to have buyers at ¼ prem., and would not need to be dubbed at about that rate for all that was offered.

NEW ORLEANS.—The *Crescent* of Thursday, last, reports the money market close, only an occasional piece of paper finding a purchaser. In regard to Exchange it says:

The market was quite active to-day. The counter rate for checks on New York ruled from ¼@¾ dis. Outside parties discount the paper for round sums of bank checks, (big licks) and still further discount for small sums. Sterling short sight ranged between $4.80.00 and $4.80.50 clean bank bands at ¼@¾ per dis., and at a late hour further transactions were reported at the latter rate. Paris sight was sold at 1¼ dis. The general market, however, closed heavily in favor of the buyers of drafts. Indeed, the latter were quite willing.

Canal open.....April 26, April 15. April 25.
Flour, bbls.....16,327,600 4,684,605 5,142,200
Wheat, bu.....13,207,600 4,684,605 5,142,200
Corn, bu.....13,907,600 2,086,000 3,598,500
Barley, bu.....1,207,600 2,086,000 3,598,500
Rye, bu.....819,700 370,000 459,400
Oats, bu.....6,647,700 3,703,000 4,598,000
Pork, bbls.....7,300 47,000 27,000
Beef, bbls.....2,100 11,000 7,000
Cheese, lbs.....11,800,000 12,227,000 8,846,000
Lard, lbs.....940,300 2,545,000 2,986,000
Butter, lbs.....2,000,000 1,772,000 2,100,000
Beans, bu.....465,800 1,772,000 2,100,000
Whisky, bbls.....4,000,000 11,667,000 9,585,000

—Albany Statesman.

Daily Review of Chicago Market.

THURSDAY EVENING, Dec. 6, 1860.

FLOUR—Received, 9,229 bris. Market more active and somewhat easier. Sales were:—300 bris choice Spring extra, delivered in Chicago, at $5.50 per bbl; 400 bris "Rock River" Super, and 300 bris "Magnolia & Cole" do at $5.25 per bbl; 100 bris "Magnolia & Cole" do at $5.20 per bbl; 100 bris "Rock River" Super, and 300 bris good to choice Super, at $5.00 per bbl; 300 bris Spring extra, delivered in Chicago, at $5.00 per bbl; 100 bris "Rock River" Super, and 300 bris good to choice Super, at $4.90 per bbl; 300 bris Spring extra, delivered in Chicago, at $4.90 per bbl; 100 bris Spring extra at $4.75 per bbl; 200 bris Spring Extra at $4.70 per bbl; 200 bris Spring Extra at $4.60 per bbl; 100 bris common Super at $3 per bbl; 100 bris common Super at $3.25 per bbl; 60 bags choice Spring, at $2.40 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $2.30 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $2.25 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $2.20 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $2.15 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $2.10 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $2.05 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $2.00 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $1.95 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $1.90 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $1.85 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $1.80 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $1.75 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $1.70 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $1.65 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $1.60 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $1.55 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $1.50 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $1.45 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $1.40 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $1.35 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $1.30 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $1.25 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $1.20 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $1.15 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $1.10 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $1.05 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $1.00 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $0.95 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $0.90 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $0.85 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $0.80 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $0.75 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $0.70 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $0.65 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $0.60 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $0.55 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $0.50 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $0.45 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $0.40 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $0.35 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $0.30 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $0.25 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $0.20 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $0.15 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $0.10 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $0.05 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $0.00 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $0.00 per bag; 60 bags choice Spring, at $0.00